

tolerances of pesticides in food safeguard the health of infants and children; the need to encourage the registration of minor use pesticides; and the need to repeal the Delaney clause and replace it with a negligible risk standard for pesticide residues in both raw and processed foods.

The Delaney clause was enacted in 1958 as part of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit any residue of a food additive that has been found to cause cancer, no matter the amount of the risk to human health. In the intervening years, our ability to detect residues has improved, to the point where we can now detect minute amounts, even parts per trillion.

Many including the Environmental Protection Agency agree the Delaney clause zero risk standard should be replaced with a de minimis standard. In fact, for a number of years, EPA has used a de minimis standard for regulating pesticide residues on food.

However, as a result of the court decision in *Les versus Reilly* and a consent decree in California versus Browner, the Environmental Protection Agency will have to strictly enforce the Delaney clause the end of this year. Strict enforcement of the Delaney clause will result in the cancellation of tolerances of over 100 chemicals used in California agriculture, even if they pose only a negligible risk of one in a million additional risk of cancer in a lifetime. In order for agriculture to retain use of these chemicals, it is imperative that the Delaney clause be replaced with a negligible risk standards that protects human health, including the health of infants and children.

S. 1166 replaces the Delaney zero risk standard with a negligible risk standard. EPA has been defining negligible risk as one additional cancer for every one million people exposed.

The issue of food safety is extraordinarily important both to California agriculture and to the health of 32 million Californians. About 20 percent of the agricultural chemicals sold in the United States—about 500 billion pounds of chemicals—are used in the State annually. California has its own pesticide regulation program and in many cases has stricter standards for pesticides than the national standards.

A concern that I have about S. 1166 is that it provides for national uniformity and preempts California's more stringent standards. I believe that States should be able to set tougher standards, and will move an amendment to do so.

I will work to improve the bill as it goes forward, and to get a bill enacted. It is vital that we reform the Delaney clause this year.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:07 pm., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1254. An act to disapprove of amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines relating to lowering of crack sentences and sentences for money laundering and transactions in property derived from unlawful activity.

H.R. 402. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1543. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "National Annual Industrial Sulfur Dioxide Trends, 1995-2015"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1544. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Acid Deposition Standard Feasibility"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1545. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report regarding the progress implementing the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

EC-1546. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 31 United States Code, to require executive agencies to verify for correctness of transportation charges prior to payment, and for related purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1547. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report summarizing actions taken under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act [PFCRA] during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1548. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to allow removal of suits against the United States and its agencies, as well as those against Federal officers, and to allow removal of suits against Federal officers, and to allow removal of suits against Federal agencies and officers that are brought in local courts of U.S. territories and possession; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1549. A communication from the Vice President of the American Council of Learned Societies, transmitting, the annual report for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-374. A petition from a citizen of the State of Kansas for a redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-402. A petition from a citizen of the State of Kansas for a redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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